

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, claims 1-9, 37-53, and 92-106 were pending. Claims 1-9 and 37-53 were rejected. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 92-106. In this response, claims 1-9 and 37-53 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Thus, claims 92-106 remain pending. Reconsideration of this application, in light of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to informalities within the specification. In response, the Applicants have amended the specification substantially as suggested by the Examiner (Final Office Action, mailed August 25, 2006, page 2). In particular, Applicants have amended the fourth line of the replacement paragraph [0059] to recite that there are  $J^{\frac{M \times N}{m \times n}}$  possible labelings of an image. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 37-53 in the Final Office Action (mailed August 25, 2006). Claims 1-9 and 37-53 have been cancelled in this response. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims in a continuation. Therefore, Applicants submit that there are no remaining rejections or objections to the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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